(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Amount of assistance provided to	
	Gujarat	Maharashtra
1990-91	634.24	952.96
1991-92	141.84	1590.24
1992-93	174.03	872.56

Removal of cotton monopoly procurement

608. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government envisage to introduce liberalisation in agricultural sector too;

(b) whether any steps are proposed to be taken by Government to remove cotton monopoly precurement in view if the liberalisation;

(c) if so, deta ils thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Draft Agricultural Policy Resolution which has been prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and placed in Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1993 focusses an reforms in certain areas of the Agricultural Sector.

(b) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra had introduced a Scheme of Monopoly Procurement of Cotton in the State with effect from 1972-73. The Scheme helps in the promotion of the Cooperative spirit and eliminating middlemen to ensure remunerative prices to the growers by strengthening the cooperative network. The Scheme is reviewed and extended by the Govt. from time to time. It is currently effective upto 30th June, 1994.

Micro-Dimensional problems of textile workers

609. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) What are micro-dimensional problems faced by the textile workers all over the country state-wise during the last three years;

(b) What are the micro-dimensional difficulties faced by them in specific areas of each state;

(c) Whether these difficulties have been examined by Government so far;

(d) if so, the suggestions made by the representatives of the textile workers fo rectification; and

(e) the steps taken by Govt. in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Some of the problems being faced by the textile workers all over the country relate to poor working conditions such as noise pollution in weavig sheds, poor lighting and ventilation, low wages, inadequate social welfare facilities etc. Additionally, the workers also suffer from health problems.

(c) Some of the above difficulties have been examined by the Govern-